1999

Wisconsin **Early September** Canada Goose **Hunting Regulations**

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What's New in '99

- Wisconsin is taking part in the National Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to help determine the number of hunters and harvest levels of migratory game birds. If you intend to hunt Migratory Game Birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, coots, rails, snipe, and gallinule) in 1999 you must be HIP registered in Wisconsin. If you registered in 1998, you will need to register again in 1999. HIP registration is free of charge and you can register when purchasing your license or at any time prior to hunting migratory game birds. All migratory game bird hunters are required to participate in this program.
- 1999 Hunter's Safety Graduates: A person who graduates from the Wisconsin Hunter Education Course for the first time, can receive a free 1999 small game hunting license and the state waterfowl stamp privilege. Graduates must be HIP certified.
- The requirement of goose hunting from blinds in the Horicon intensive management zone does *not* apply during the early September Canada goose season. However, it does apply to hunting any species of geese during the regular goose season.
- State waterfowl stamps no longer need to be attached to your license because the stamp privilege (\$7.00) will be printed on your license. If you pay for a stamp and still want to receive the actual stamp, you can get one at a DNR service center at no additional cost. You are $still \ required \ to \ purchase \ the \ federal \ water fowl \ stamp$ and carry it while hunting.

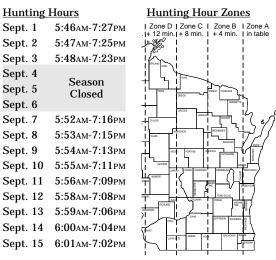
WarningSome of the areas located in these goose hunting subzones have local firearm discharge restrictions. Please contact the appropriate local enforcement authorities to see if there are any local restrictions on the discharge of firearms in the area you plan to hunt. Participation: The season is open to all licensed hunters who possess an Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. Permit stickers are available for \$3.00 at DNR offices and from many license vendors. Hunting permits may be purchased at any time prior to and during the Early Sept. Canada Goose season. Participation in this hunt will not affect your participation in any Zone hunt during regular Canada goose seasons.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

Subzone A - 5 Canada geese daily, 10 in possession Subzone B - 3 Canada geese daily, 6 in possession No other species of migratory game birds may be taken.

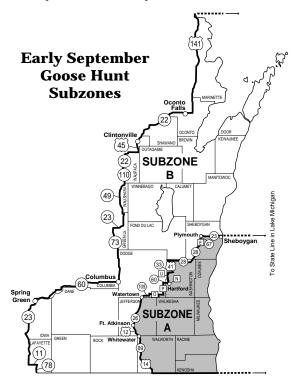
Calculating hunting hours:

Four hunting hour zones are shown on the map below. Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed under "Hunting Hours." Shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.



Non-Toxic Shot: Non-toxic shot (see Section 4) use is required for all waterfowl hunting.

Permits, licenses and stamps: All hunters must possess a current Wisconsin small game hunting license, a current WI Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit, Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration, a Harvest report card, federal waterfowl stamp and the state waterfowl stamp validation (on your license) to participate in this early season. (Note: a person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp.) Wisconsin hunter safety graduates do not need to purchase the state stamp during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free, but they must possess all other requirements.



Other Information: The purpose of this hunt is to provide additional harvest of local giant Canada goose populations. All usual state and federal restrictions for waterfowl hunting will apply to this early September Canada goose season.

Possession Restrictions

· Retrieval: No person may kill or cripple any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. A hunter who cripples a bird which falls or moves into open water may immediately pursue the bird into open water and shoot from a boat while being propelled by paddle, oars or pole.

Reporting and Validating Requirements:

- · Once a goose has been harvested, the harvest report card must be validated (punched) before the goose is transported in any manner.
- Hunters must report each goose harvested within 48 hours of the kill by calling, toll free, 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673).
- · Tagging: No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
- 1. The hunter's signature
- 2. The hunter's address
- 3. The total number of birds involved
- 4. The dates such birds were killed

No person or business may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged and a record of such receipt is kept by the business.

- Possession of live birds: Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- Important: For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the USFWS address shown under "Caution").
- **Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside
 - 1. The name and address of the person sending the
- 2. The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent
- 3. The number of birds in the package
- Transportation: After validating your permit, migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being (1) transported from the field to the person's permanent abode and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode to the permanent abode.

Bird Bands: Should you obtain a bird band, call 1-800-327-BAND to report the date and location of recovery. You may also flatten the band out and tape it to a 3x5 postcard or simply write the number on a 3x5 postcard. Add the date and location of recovery, your name and address and mail the card to: National Biological Service B.B.L. 12100 Beach Forest Rd. Suite 4037, Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037